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BREAK-OUT SESSIONS - A
Thursday, March 17, 2016
2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Session A - 1

Location: Ballroom

Title: ***It's Not a Glass Ceiling, It's a Sticky Floor***

Presenter: Elaine Fogliani - Executive Director, WELV

Audience: PreK - Higher Education Teachers, Curriculum Leaders, Building Administrators, Central Office Administrators

Presiding: Lee-Ann O'Dell - WELV Region II Representative; Program Director, University of Virginia

Description: This session is designed to inspire women to believe in themselves and become great leaders in the 21st Century. A panel of women educational leaders will draw on their experience to respond to what the nationally recognized entrepreneur, Rebecca Shambaugh, describes in her book as the seven “sticky floors” that become obstacles to women’s advancement. Panelists will discuss Shambaugh’s book, *It Is Not A Glass Ceiling, It’s A Sticky Floor*, and *Grow Your Value*, by best-selling author and MSNBC co-host of “Morning Joe,” Mika Brzenzinski.

Session A - 2

Location: Lewis

Title: ***Boundaries: The Mistakes Dedicated Educators Make That Keep Them Feeling Out of Balance***

Presenter : Lisa Jean Haskins - Teacher, Alexandria City Public Schools

Presiding: Jennifer Cavanaugh - WELV Region IV Representative; Assistant Principal, Loudoun County Schools

Audience: PreK - Higher Education Teachers, Curriculum Leaders, Building Administrators, Central Office Administrators

Description: Do you want more balance in your life? Do you want to get off that unending urgency train that leads directly to anxiety and stress? Do you want to prevent burnout? Join Lisa Haskins, National Board Certified Teacher and Certified Positive Psychology Trainer, for this interactive workshop that will spark some changes in the way you think and interact with people. This workshop will provide tips, tools, and strategies that will help re-energize and empower you in your personal and professional life. If you feel that “doing it all” just isn’t working, this workshop is for you.

Session A - 3

Location: Clark

Title: ***Transformational Strategies to Improve Algebra Achievement***

Presenters: Abby Neumeyer - Regional Director of Professional Services, Agile Mind Inc
Chuck Paynter - Regional Vice-President, Agile Mind Inc.

Presiding: Beth Umbarger - WELV Region VI Representative; Assistant Principal, Roanoke County Schools

Audience: Middle School and High School Curriculum Leaders, Building Administrators, Central Office Administrators

Description: Learn how schools are reinventing the classroom learning culture and increasing Algebra achievement by introducing new tools that develop students’ mindsets, attitudes, and skill-building in mathematics. Participants will collaborate as we explore the research base that informs this work, learn from teachers and students who have engaged in implementing these ideas, and consider the impact on outcomes for Algebra I students.

Session A - 4

Location: Monticello

Title: ***Instructional Technology Resources: Utilizing More with Less***

Presenter: Amy Hartwell - Instructional Technologist, Fluvanna County Public Schools

Presiding: Tracy Richardson - WELV Ambassador; Principal, E.C. Glass High School, Lynchburg City Schools

Audience: High School Teachers, Curriculum Leaders, Building Administrators, Central Office Administrators

Description: In today's economy, many districts find that they are faced with financial limitations as they attempt to incorporate technology into the classroom. This presentation will demonstrate how teachers can use technological tools in the classroom, at minimal cost, to engage students in their own learning paths. A wide variety of productivity tools will be introduced, with examples of how teachers and students can use these tools to deepen content understanding. Participants will have an opportunity to explore multiple websites, apps, extensions, and add-ons in this interactive session.

Session A - 5

Location: Lee

Title: ***Striking a Balance: Navigating School Improvement with Grace and Grit***

Presenters: Martha Eagle - Director of Instruction and Human Resources, Amelia County Public Schools
Sarah Tanner-Anderson - Principal, Amelia County Middle School, Amelia County Public Schools

Presiding: Presiding: Taneshia Rachal - WELV Ambassador; Principal, Fredericksburg City Schools

Audience: Elementary - High School Curriculum Leaders, Building Administrators, Central Office Administrators

Description: In this session, a new female administrative leadership team will discuss the challenges they faced and the strategies they used for addressing a third-year-warned middle school in school improvement. Presenters will share tips and tools to help leaders navigate the academic review process with a balance of grace and grit. Attendees will have the opportunity to engage in both group and individual reflection that addresses lesson alignment, effective formative assessments, and positive, meaningful discourse surrounding school improvement.

Session A - 6

Location: Jackson

Title: ***Utilizing Social Media: The "Save Sweet Briar" Perspective***

Presenters: Shannon Beasley - Director of Education Outreach and Graduate Recruitment/Adjunct Professor in Biology, Sweet Briar College

Presiding: Presiding: Shonda Harris-Muhammed - WELV Ambassador; School Board Member and Mathematics Specialist, Richmond City Schools

Audience: PreK - Higher Education Building Administrators, Central Office Administrators

Description: Social media is a powerful tool that can be used to engage a large audience and focus conversation. No constituency knows this truth better than Sweet Briar College stakeholders. In February of 2015, the Sweet Briar Board decided to close a beloved, century old institution through a "behind- closed- doors" initiative. Through spirit, tenacity, and social media, stakeholders were able to mobilize. A countermovement began which resulted in a victorious legal battle to keep the doors of the college open. This break-out session will focus on the lessons learned through the Save Sweet Briar movement on how leaders using social media are able to recruit support for and engage even non-connected stakeholders to create a desired outcome. Participants will explore what profiles should be on social media for their organization, how to regulate conversations about their organization, and how they can use social media to share their leadership style and promote the growth of their organization. Participants will need a laptop or tablet and/or a smartphone.